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To Whom it May Concern,

I feel that the proposed final judgement in the Microsoft anti-trust case is not sufficient to remedy the problem and should be redrafted. I am a software developer, and I am forced to use Microsoft tools and operating systems, as my customers all use this operating system. It is not possible for me to develop for my customers using any tools other than those provided by Microsoft, as they will not function properly on the Windows Operating System.

Steps must be taken to dismantle this monopoly of the operating system, and to make development for the Microsoft Operating Systems possible using tools and operating systems not provided by Microsoft.

There are two methods that I feel may properly remedy this situation. The first is to create an equal playing ground for developers by making the source code for all Microsoft Operating Systems available to developers. Microsoft would no longer be able to take advantage of insider knowledge of the operating systems to unfairly compete with third party products.

The second remedy would be to separate the operating system business units from the application business units. Microsoft continues to build applications that were once independent programs into the operating system, making competition with these programs all but impossible. A very good example is with Internet Explorer, but some highly overlooked examples are Windows Media Player, Notepad, WordPad, Calculator, and all of the tools which come bundled with the operating system. Microsoft can afford to give these products away for free as they are profiting from the sale of the Operating System. Competing software developers do not have this resource. By separating the two business units, Microsoft applications will be forced to compete on a somewhat more even playing ground.

In conclusion, I feel that the proposed final

judgement in the Microsoft Anti-Trust case is not sufficient to solve the problem.

Thank You,

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